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# NEWS RELEASE

## *Oak Farms Dairy Salute*

During this time of tragedy, many across the country have spearheaded efforts to assist families of police officers and fire fighters who were killed on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The San Antonio Police Department along with Oak Farms Dairy commends their selfless work and would like to recognize one San Antonio Police Officer who, locally, has devoted much time to raising funds.

Sergeant Joseph Salvaggio, a 13-year veteran with the San Antonio Police Department, has emerged as a soldier fighting on behalf of survivors of officers and fire fighters who were victims of terrorism at the World Trade Center. His energy and heartfelt desire to make a difference led to a fundraiser aimed at collecting money for this effort. Thousands of San Antonians braved high temperatures to participate in a barbecue hosted by Sergeant Salvaggio and the Christopher Columbus Italian Society. A total of \$30,000 dollars was raised that has now been earmarked to help these families.

He may well become a real soldier fighting for the United States of America. Sergeant Salvaggio is an active reservist with the United States Air Force who could be called at any time. As a Chief Master Sergeant, he has reached the highest rank afforded enlisted Air Force personnel. If he is activated he will leave behind his family and his assignment as a supervisor at the West Substation.

During his time on the west side of San Antonio, he has known battle of a different sort. The battle of defeating crime on the streets his men patrol. His fight, however, has not been in vain. He has successfully established a multi-agency plan in the Indian Creek Subdivision that has resulted in a substantial decrease in crime in the area. He has further assisted other substations in formulating similar plans to help reduce crime in their areas.

For his assistance to families of fellow officers and fire fighters in New York and his commitment to defending the flag, we "Salute" Sergeant Joseph Salvaggio.